

Meeting of the Joint City-Schools Cost Control Committee
DRAFT MINUTES

Date: July 23, 2014
Scheduled Time: 5:30-6:30 pm
Place: City Hall, Room 12

Committee Members in attendance: Chip Mason (Acting Chair), Karen Paul, Dave Hartnett, Scot Shumski, Liz Curry, Miriam Stoll, Bob Rusten

Meeting called to order 5:40 p.m.

Motion to approve agenda (Karen/Miriam)

Motion to amend agenda to include appointment of minute taker (Bob/Liz)

Motion passed as amended

Miriam appointed minute taker for current meeting

1. Public comment

No members of the public present comment

2. Introductions

3. Discussion

Reviewed Council Resolution that created the committee -- general agreement that (1) Whereas clauses remain true; (2) Given the time that has gone by since the resolution was passed by the Council and the significant changes in School District personnel and recent actions taken by the School Board to better manage and understand the District finances, it is now appropriate to review the charge of the Committee and the specific goals outlined in the resolution; and (3) Currently key staff positions in the School District, including in both the Finance and Infrastructure Departments, are unfilled, which may impact the ability of the Committee to address all the points outlined in the Resolution and/or the timeline in which they can be completed, and thus capacity will need to be considered as the Committee goes forward.

Noted that the Resolution requires that the Committee be comprised of 3 Council members and a representative from the City financial Staff and 3 School Board members and a representative from the School District financial staff. A member of the School District staff was not available for the current meeting but will be attending future meetings.

4. Follow up

- A. At the next meeting existing Capital plans for the School District and the City will be reviewed.
- B. Committee members will bring ideas to the next meeting regarding specific operational and other functions that are conducted by both the City and the Schools (i.e., plowing, payroll, purchasing, etc.) and/or may be appropriate to consider for greater coordination and/or consolidation in order to reduce overall cost to taxpayers.
- C. Committee School Board and Councilors will consult with their respective Chief Executives regarding the charge of the Committee and potential near-term (3 and 6 month) and longer-term (9 and 12 month) deliverables to be accomplished by the Committee. These will be discussed at the next Committee meeting with the goal of establishing work plan and timeline.

The next meeting of this Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27, at 5:30 in Room 12. Chip Mason will continue to act as Chair until the Committee determines otherwise.